

Websites to Help with Teen Transition (December, 2003)

www.hrtw.org Website of the Healthy & Ready to Work National Center. Contains information, downloadable files, and numerous links to other resources related to systems and services, youth involvement, health care access and funding, education, employment, recreation, and independence.

www.disabilityinfo.gov Website of the federal government that is a starting point for all government services and information sites. Other government sites with transition information are www.govbenefits.gov, www.socialsecurity.gov and www.studentjobs.gov and www.doleta.gov/youth_services/ that is the DOL's Employment and Training Administration.

www.firstgov.gov gives access to a variety of government resources; www.onestops.info gives lots of info on national policy. www.osec.doc.gov/ocr/NDEAMonth.html is the website of Office of Civil Rights. www.ncwd-youth.info offers information for youth with disabilities especially related to work from the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth.

www.nichcy.org National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (new name – focus especially on educational issues). Has state pages of resources at <http://www.nichcy.org/states.htm>

<http://www.supportforfamilies.org/internetguide/> Support for Families is a family-run organization in California dedicated to helping families with children with disabilities find information; this is an excellent internet portal.

www.aap.org and www.medicalhomeinfo.org Variety of information for providers including resources on CPT codes to use when caring for children with special health care needs and the Medical Home Training Module from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and AAPs Medical Home Policy and description. Has state pages of resources at <http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/resources/index.html>

<http://brightfutures.aap.org> American Academy of Pediatrics website with materials for anticipatory guidance, health promotion, and preventive health services for children birth through 21. Materials for health care providers and for parents. Many downloadable and printable materials. Bright Futures Mental Health is brand new and the Tool Kit (Manual 2) offers screening and teaching tools.

www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/1980.html AMA's Guidelines for Adolescent Preventive Services Materials for determining screening and teaching needed for adolescents. Downloadable and printable screening tools for youth and parents

✍✍ Transportation: Look at your state department of transportation; provision of transportation is very community-specific <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/webstate.htm>

✍✍ Housing: www.hud.gov

✍✍ Centers for Independent Living: <http://www.ilru.org/jump1.htm> These people should be able to help with many of the issues!

✍✍ Vocational Rehabilitation <http://www.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html?src=ln> (you get a map) Click on your state. Then click on "organizations offering information and services in your state" 2nd from the top Many education and vocational resources are listed for the state you have requested.

www.familyvoices.org Family Voices website which contains lots of family oriented and advocacy information – also state oriented info; the Youth program, KASA (Kids as Self Advocates), is at www.fvkasa.org.

www.nyln.org Website of the National Youth Leadership Network

www.healthfinder.gov Great place to find information on various conditions/diseases and health promotion information

www.abledata.com NIDRR's site on assistive technology of all kinds for all sorts of conditions

www.disabilitycentral.com and www.halftheplanet.com and <http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu/fleitas/contents.html> *Band-aids and Blackboards* Sites particularly for kids with disabilities

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu Lots of links to lots of information

<http://chs.ky.gov/commissionkids> The Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs website which contains links to other resources in Kentucky and downloadable/printable resources such as Life Maps and Teaching Sheets, transition resources, and newsletters.

www.shrinershq.org/choices – Shriners Hospitals CHOICES project materials

www.dmd-aapd.org Website for National Disability Mentoring Day
<http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/> Website for National Make a Difference Day

www.childtrends.org – information on child development and www.nncc.org National Network for Child Care website offers many materials on child development including the Ages & Stages (click on Child Development and then Ages and Stages) materials which offer developmental milestones and information on activities parents can do to promote development of their children.

<http://depts.washington.edu/healthtr> Materials from the University of Washington Adolescent Health Project – suggestions for families to prepare their children for independence to greatest extent possible; Adolescent Autonomy Checklist is downloadable and printable

www.familydoctor.org – has lots of downloadable teaching materials including site for teens; is website of American Academy of Family Physicians, and is linked to www.KidsHealth.org

<http://www.communityinclusion.org/transition/> - Massachusetts HRTW group – good booklet – downloadable for families, youth and professionals on health care and other transitions

www.youngwomenshealth.org Boston Children's Hospital website; also some Massachusetts HRTW materials

www.pacer.org PACER Center in Minnesota – developing transition activities and products for 20+ years

<http://www.hdc.lsuhsu.edu/Programs/CDP/ashstprd.htm> Louisiana Healthy & Ready to Work Fact Sheets and booklets on line

www.worksupport.com Information, resources and research about work and disability issues

www.nod.org National Organization on Disability website with much information and many links. It's ability, not disability, that counts!

www.irsc.org Internet Resources for Special Children

www.mentalhealth.org SAMHSA's (federal government) National Mental Health Information Center

www.teentiptalk.com/ Washington Children's Hospital (Seattle, Washington)

www.TelAbility.org Joshua Alexander, MD, Director Pediatric Rehabilitation, UNC School of Medicine